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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: A METHOD FOR INCREASING STRESS-RESISTANCE TO A PLANT

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.